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SUBJECT: BARBADOS ATTITUDE TOWARDS SOUTH KOREA

REFS: A) STATE 151389 B) BRIDGETOWN 1253 (NOTAL)

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFICS OF ROK AID PLEDGES OFFERED BARBADOS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR EMBASSY TO COMMENT DEFINITELY ON THE LARGER MEANING OF THE BARBADIAN REFUSAL (REF A). PRESUMABLY, FOR BARBADOS TO HAVE REFUSED A \$5 MILLION GRANT WOULD HAVE DIFFERENT IMPLICATIONS THAN TO HAVE REFUSED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY IN SEOUL. IT IS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BARBADIAN--PRC RELATIONS (REF B) HERALDS ANY SHIFT IN FUTURE BARBADIAN VOTES ON KOREAN ISSUES IN THE UN.

2. MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HENRY FORDE, MADE IT CLEAR IN COMMENTING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE PRC (REF B) THAT THE ACTION SHOWED THE BOG'S "PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS" AND THAT THERE WAS "NO REASON WHY BARBADOS SHOULD REMAIN OUT OF STEP WITH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS." THESE COMMENTS WOULD NOT SEEM TO APPLY TO THE MORE COMPLEX KOREAN ISSUES.

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3. IN OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS STATEMENTS, THE GOB HAS PUBLICLY REFERRED TO ITS NEUTRAL POSITION IN THE WORLD, THE PREDOMINANCE OF ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS IN ITS MORE REALISTIC APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND ITS LACK OF OBSESSION WITH IDEOLOGY IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY. AGAIN, THESE COMMENTS DO NOT SEEM TO RELATE DIRECTLY TO THE KOREAN ISSUES.

4. THE GOB (WHICH CHANGED AS THE RESULT OF A GENERAL ELECTION
IN SEPTEMBER, 1976) HAS, HOWEVER, STRONGLY
SUPPORTED THE US HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE, MOST RECENTLY
AT THE OASGA IN GRENADA. THIS CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS,
IN THE EMBASSY'S OPINION, COULD BE A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR
IN BARBADOS REFUSAL OF ROK AID, ALTHOUGH AS NOTED IN
PARA 1, WE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION UPON WHICH TO MAKE
ANY DEFINITIVE STATEMENT.
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